

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 10/680,213

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Examiner: Meeks, T.

Date: March 2, 2005

Title: THIN FILM FORMATION APPARATUS AND THIN FILM FORMATION METHOD
EMPLOYING THE APPARATUSCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

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| Total effective claims after amendment | 14 | minus highest number | |
| previously paid for | 20 | (at least 20) = | 0 x \$50.00 |
| | | | \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ |
| Independent claims after amendment | 2 | minus highest number | |
| previously paid for | 3 | (at least 3) = | 0 x \$200.00 |
| | | | \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ |

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add

\$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
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One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)

Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)

Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253)/\$510.00 (2253)

Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254) \$

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add

\$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee

\$180.00 (1806) \$

Assignment Recording Fee .

\$40.00 (8021) \$

Other:

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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

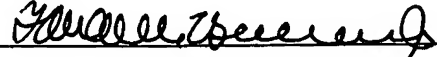
In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005 holding the subject matter of claims 1-12 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 13-14, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-12 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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